



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Nishiyama et al.

**Application No.:** 10/725,791

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM,  
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD

**Group:** 1647

**Examiner:** Not Yet Known

**Our File:** IPO-P1881

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: